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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

MOHAN ANANDA

Serial No. 09/668,421

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Examiner: Sough, H

Group Art Unit: 2161

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTIONANDINTERVIEW SUMMARYAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Examiner's Action dated August 13, 2001.

On September 22, 2000, Applicant filed this 1.53(b) divisional application and included a preliminary amendment submitting claims 1 to 238 for consideration. Applicant also included instructions to cancel claims 1-197. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that only claims 198-238 should be pending in the present application. On August 8th, 2001 the Examiner issued an Office Action addressing canceled claims 1-67. The Examiner did not consider the claims submitted in the preliminary amendment filed on September 22, 2000. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's remarks in the

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presently outstanding Office Action (mail date August 8, 2001) are moot. Applicant respectfully requests that previously submitted claims 198-238 be considered.

In a telephone conversation that occurred on February 8th, 2002, Applicant's representative brought this issue to the Examiner's attention. The Examiner asked that a copy of the preliminary amendment and the postcard indicating the preliminary amendment was filed be forwarded to him via facsimile. That same day Applicant's representative faxed a copy of the stamped return postcard (indicating the preliminary amendment was filed on 09/22/2000) and a copy of the preliminary amendment to the Examiner.

In a subsequent conversation the Examiner indicated that he would withdraw the presently outstanding Office Action. The Examiner stated that the application would not abandon even though the six-month statutory period to reply to the outstanding office action is today, February 13, 2002. Applicant looks forward to receipt of an Office Action considering claims 198-238 and invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned if there are any questions.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge The Hecker Law Group, Deposit Account No. 08-1520 in the amount of \$460.00 which represents the fee for a 3-month extension (small entity). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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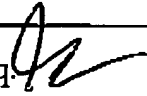
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